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SUBJECT: ICFTU MISSION TO GREECE

1. THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) AND SEVERAL ASSOCIATED LABOR ORGANIZATIONS ARE SENDING A MISSION TO GREECE LATER THIS MONTH TO CONFER WITH THE ICFTU AFFILIATE, GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF GREEK WORKERS (GSEE), AND WITH LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS. SEPT. 24 IS THE TENTATIVE DATE OF THE MISSION'S ARRIVAL.

2. MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WILL INCLUDE JOHN VANDERVEKEN, ICFTU DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY; ENZO FRISCO, ICFTU, ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY RESPONSIBLE FOR EUROPE; CHARLES FORD, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE, GARMENT AND LEATHER WORKERS' FEDERATION; AND HERIBERT MAIER, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF COMMERCIAL, CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL EMPLOYEES, PLUS REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO OR THREE OTHER GROUPS, INCLUDING THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION.

3. ACCORDING TO VANDERVEKEN, THE MISSION'S PURPOSE IS TO REVIEW CONTROVERSIAL LABOR LEGISLATION, PARTICULARLY THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES TO ORGANIZED LABOR, AND AFTER RECONCILING DIFFERENCES OF APPROACH WITHIN THE GSEE, TO ADVOCATE CHANGES
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IN CONVERSATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

4. COMMENT: ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THE TRIP, IMPLICIT IN REMARKS
TO US BY VANDERVEKEN AND FORD, IS TO PROVIDE MORAL SUPPORT
TO NON-COMMUNIST LABOR LEADERS AND TO STRENGTHEN THE ICFTU'S
TIES WITH THEM.HINTON

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